

**Children Committee** Tuesday, February 26, 2013  
Room 1B

Committee Bill No. 328 - AN ACT CONCERNING MINORS AND VIOLENT POINT-AND-SHOOT VIDEO GAMES  
(b) No owner or operator of any public establishment or amusement arcade shall allow any individual under eighteen years of age to operate a violent point-and-shoot video game on the premises of such establishment or arcade.

As a small business owner I feel that all this does is put further responsibility on owners to do the job that parents are meant to do. I am a parent and am certain that it is my responsibility to choose what my minor children are exposed to. I do not feel that responsibility should be put upon an owner or operator of any establishment or arcade.

I personally dislike 1<sup>st</sup> person shooter games and the graphic violence that they portray. They disgust me and if I were to never see one in public I would be happy. However we live in a free country. These games wouldn't exist if there wasn't a market for them. There are parents, unlike me, who feel that it is ok for their kids to watch and play these games. Who am I or you to choose for them?

I do support section 2 of this bill. It makes much more sense to me to study something before making legislation on it.

Raised Bill No. 6330 - AN ACT CONCERNING LOOK-A-LIKE FIREARMS

Purpose: To make it an infraction for any person to deface the markings on any look-a-like firearm and to ban the possession of look-a-like firearms, pellet-firing air guns or BB. guns in or on the real property comprising a public or private elementary or secondary school.

I have read this proposal over and over. As a competitive shooter I own pellet guns that are exact replicas of the guns that I use in competition. They barely have any markings to denote that they are not true fire arms. I don't understand the point of this legislation. If a kid gets a hold of a toy gun, grabs a black sharpie, then holds up a gas station, is this so the lawyers can add one more count against him? This does not seem to be an enforceable law, until after the fact that something has gone wrong. Therefore I do not see it's merit.

Banning "look-a-like firearm" from schools at the state level does not allow schools to choose curriculums. If schools start educating their students about firearms, as a teacher I would like to be able to have a "look-a-like firearm" allowed on the campus vs a real gun.

If an individual school system chooses not to have "look-a-like firearm" allowed in school so be it and should they change their mind going forward they can without having to bring legislators in on the process.

Last month at the school safety meeting, I heard much about "best practices" and that schools should review where they stand right now and look to see what needs to be changed. I would ask that as legislators you give the schools time to do that before enacting further changes.

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